

AIR GUARDIAN

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Readiness top priority for April UTA

Are you prepared for Phoenix Awakening?

ORE, IRRE, CERE, ...What's this all about?

The Initial Readiness Response and Combat Employment Readiness exercises of the past are no longer. The Wing has adopted the

Operational Readiness Exercise, which is played out in phases, replacing prior readiness concepts.

In Phase I (IRRE) of the ORE, we must be ready to deploy our troops and equipment anywhere in the world, which means getting them together, processed through our mobility line and loaded on aircraft. The base

Member Must Know:

- Unit control center number
- The location of your unit's personnel bunker
- Actions required for the different Alarm Conditions
- SALUTE method of reporting
- Procedures if a UXO is found
- duress words *
- chemical code *
- sign/countersign word/number *
- what chemical sector you are in *
- what air base defense sector you are in *
- current MOPP level *
- current Alarm Condition *

* information found on the KANGB LAN at <http://03akanch/Alarm%20Status/alarmsstatus.aspx>

also goes in a wartime material support mode, turning out additional aircraft components in support of the war effort.

During Phase II (CERE) of the ORE, the base simulates deployment in a war zone and practices the mission while encountering a variety of wartime scenarios. This is where the ability to survive and operate, or ATSO, comes into play. Chem gear, a flak vest, helmet, and canteen become your closest companions.

If you have ever been deployed to a hostile arena, you know the importance of your protective gear. Your personal survival depends upon an intimate knowledge of its working and care. Your first SCUD attack is not the time to question the integrity of your gas mask. Train now as if your life depends upon it...because in the end, it does.



A guardsman, hydrates while decked out in MOPP level three which is generally used after chemicals have been used by the enemy, but in areas with negligible hazard.

Member Must Have:

- dog tags, ID card, line badge
- all field gear to include helmet, canteen, web belt, and body armor
- training ground crew ensemble
- front & back of helmet, chemical hood, and flak vest marked with rank, last name and wing personnel number
- simulated M8 paper, M9 tape, M29 I decon kit, M295 decon glove, nerve agent injectors, and Cypro pills
- ATSO guide
- small plastic bag for contaminated items

The “T” word

What will transformation mean to the 176th Wing?

By Brig. Gen. Gene Ramsay
176th Wing Commander

Transformation for an Air National Guard unit is not just about technology or getting new iron. Transformation encompasses everything we do and how we do it. It means more “jointness” with our sister services. It will mean more joint Statutory Tours at NGB. It could mean replacing routine perimeter patrols with technology. It will mean more computer-based training, distance learning and cyber commuting/cyber drills. It will mean one standardized pay system for the DoD with features such as web-based travel vouchers. It will mean more in-residence Professional Military Education, for both officers and enlisted personnel. It means analyzing our missions, facilities, basing, people, processes and hardware to ensure that we fulfill Lt. Gen. James’ direction to be “Ready, Relevant and Responsive.”

Relevant could mean focusing on new, emerging missions. Ten

years ago, who would have believed that we would operate the Air Control Squadron at Elmendorf AFB and be in the process of standing up the 213th Strategic Warning Squadron at Clear AFS?

We are already blessed with relevant, joint, expeditionary missions. A good part of my career has been spent in the C-130 airlift mission. As far as joint goes, I wish I had kept count of the hundreds of joint missions I have flown in my career, delivering a multitude of airborne troopers and equipment. What missions could be better suited for the largest, non-contiguous state with the fewest roads and most challenging terrain and weather than Airlift, Rescue, Air Defense, Combat Communications and Space Surveillance? But keep in mind, as older ANG F-15 and F-16 fighters attrit out of the inventory, there won’t be enough F-22s and F-35s to equip all of our sister Air Guard units currently flying fighters.

**“When you’re finished changing,
you’re finished.”**

— Benjamin Franklin

This Wing can’t and won’t let its guard down and become complacent. We must continue to look to the future and willingly, gladly transform, to ensure we have a voice in our future and to ensure our continued relevance. Regarding iron, we will look at C-130Js, HC-130Js, CV-22s, HH-92s, and US-101s to name just a few. Base Realignment and Closure 2005 will be a transformational event for the entire DoD. For the first time, ANG Bases will be under the microscope. I have already answered BRAC Data Call #1, a series of objective questions about Kulis ANGB. Data Call #2 will be upon us shortly.

Regarding jointness, at the direction of the Lt. Gen. Blum, Chief, National Guard Bureau, our State Headquarters recently transformed from separate Air Guard and Army Headquarters to a Joint Headquarters.

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Fuel Your Future

Who do you

Alaska Air National Guard

**The 176th Wing needs your help filling over
200 unit vacancies!**

- We have a 90% success rate enlisting referrals from Guard members!
- Without your referrals, our recruiters process 30 packages for one successful enlistment.

**Who do you know that will enjoy the
education, benefits, and pride of serving**

Recruiters: 249-1282

Do you have news to share?

We welcome articles and captioned photos relevant to members of the 176th Wing. Submissions must be accurate in fact, and will be edited for clarity and length. Articles will be published as space permits. Submissions are due on Sunday of the UTA prior to the month the article will be published.

Submit articles as Microsoft Word attachments via e-mail. Photographs must be 300 dpi TIF or JPG images, also submitted as attachments via e-mail. Please send to both:

candis.olmstead@akanch.ang.af.mil
kathryn.baines@akanch.ang.af.mil

We may be contacted at (907) 249-1352. The office is manned with Traditional Guardsmen, so please leave a message.

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-Transformation continued

The Air National Guard *Vanguard* Engagement Strategy says that we “must continue to transition some of . . . (our)... capability to **transformational organizational constructs** to include: *Blended/Integrated Units, Associate Units, Sponsored Reserve, Mega Basing, Joint Basing and City Basing.*”

To ensure relevance for tomorrow, everyone will need to pursue opportunities today in the Air National Guard’s Transformational Focus Areas:

1. Transformational organization & technology improvements
2. Reduce geographically separate units

3. ANG units with like missions and equipment

4. Multiple flying units in neighboring states

5. ANG units located on or near active duty bases or other military installations

Transformation Documents

Vanguard Engagement Strategy Brochure can be accessed at: <https://airguard.ang.af.mil>

Air Force Transformational Flight Plan can be accessed at: www.af.mil

It doesn’t take a rocket scientist to see that the 176th Wing falls into all five focus areas, although when the

active duty C-130s depart from Elmendorf AFB, focus area number three will become less of an issue for us.

Air Staff officials recently released the 176-page “Transformational Flight Plan” spelling out the future direction of the Air Force. “Transformation is using new things and old things in new ways, and achieving truly transformational effects for the joint warfighter,” said Lt. Gen. Duncan McNabb, Air Force director of plans and programs.

As we in the 176th look to the future, I urge you think and learn about transformation and take the time to look at the two transformational documents I have referenced. North to the Future!

Chiefs Corner

The first hundred days

By Chief Master Sergeant Timothy Tillman
176th Command Chief Master Sergeant

Wow! My first, roughly, “100 days in office” have flown by. What a pleasure it’s been for me to see so many of your work areas and meet our Wing’s fine folks working there. Although I’ve been coming to Kulis on a monthly basis for 24 years, I was rarely able to make it out of my squadron for anything other than mandatory appointments. (This seems to be the plight of many Traditional Guardsmen. We need to fix that.) There are, or were, so many areas within our Wing that I’d never had an opportunity to visit. The more I get out and meet and greet and see, the more honored and blessed I feel to be associated with such outstanding and hard-working people. I’ve made it to the RCC on Ft. Richardson, the 176th ACS and the 206th CBCS on Elmendorf, and look forward to visiting our folks at Clear AS in the near future. I’ve also worked with our other Alaskan Command

Chiefs to choose Alaska’s outstanding airmen of the year, as well as putting two superb Master Sergeants forward for promotion under the Exceptional Performance Promotion program. (Master Sgts. Eric Heiker and Cliff Stockton more than met the threshold for exceptional performance.)

After working with our wing’s senior leaders during my short tenure, I have been very impressed with the methodical, yet adaptive way in which they work through difficult issues and implement solutions. As the wing’s enlisted representative, my thoughts and opinions have been consistently sought, when appropriate, in reaching these conclusions. With the advent of *Vanguard* and efforts to transform the National Guard as a whole, our senior leaders are working hard to ensure the Alaska ANG directs any changes to the greatest extent possible, versus being told what we’re going to do or where we’re going to go.



Again, it is such a privilege for me to work for and with such outstanding enlisted members. It’s been very fulfilling to meet many of you in your work places and better understand the issues you deal with. I look forward to mediating these and other issues as we go forward. Our senior leaders definitely have an open ear and show a willingness to work hard toward resolution, when possible. Please don’t

hesitate to contact me, whether officer or enlisted, with concerns I can up-channel to senior leadership or speak with enlisted members about.

Thanks in advance for your continued support. I anticipate great things for our wing over the coming years.

Promotions

Colonel

Colleen Hough 176 MDS

Major

Mark Mommsen 144 AS

Master Sergeant

William Beltzer 176 ACS

Robert Braley, jr. 176 CES

Karl Howard 176 MXG

Robert Hughes 176 LRS

Paul Nelson 210 RQS

Steven Slagle 210 RQS

Dennis Timmons 176 ACS

Kenneth Weber 144 AS

Christopher Widener 210 RQS

Technical Sergeant

Matthew Hermes 176 ACS

Randall Smith 176 LRS

Clinton Walker 176 CF

Staff Sergeant

Eugene Burke Jr. 176 MXS

Chadwick Jennings 176 CES

Matthew Zirkle 176 MXS

Senior Airman

Thomas Berry 206 CBCS

William Bredin 176 MXS

Jordan Craddick 176 CES

Jessica Lingo 176 APF

Matthew Soukup 176 APF

Daniel Thornburg 176 AMXS

Airman First Class

Archie Card 176 SFS

Awards and Decorations

Meritorious Service Medal

CMSgt Heidi Flynn 176 CES

MSgt Jeffery Brunello 176 MOF

MSgt Herbert Johnston 176 MSF

MSgt Christine Carlin-Meier 176 MXS

Air Force Achievement

(awarded by U.S. Central Command)

SrA Robert Baldwin 176 CES

213th Space Warning Station vacancies

The 213 SWS is seeking officers and enlisted personnel for space and missile operations and space journeyman traditional openings at Clear AFS, Alaska.

Officer candidates must have or be able to acquire a top secret security clearance to attend technical training.

Enlisted candidates must have or be able to acquire a secret security clearance to attend technical training. Candidates must also have an ASVAB score of 58 in electronics.

Email resume, current records review RIP and physical to debra.french@akanch.ang.af.mil or mail to: HQ AKANG/DA Room D-204, P.O. box 5800, Ft. Richardson, AK 99505. The deadline for submission is April 15th. For further information contact Master Sgt. Debra French at 428-6085.

176th Aerial Port Flight first sergeant vacancy

The 176 APF is seeking a motivated individual to take on the responsibilities of first sergeant. The minimum qualifications are as follows:

E-6 or E-7 eligible for immediate promotion to master sgt.; prior qualification at the 7- or 9-skill level in any AFSC; ability to speak distinctly; meet weight and body fat standards; exceptional leadership and managerial skills; agree to attend formal training within one year of assignment, and incur a three year service commitment upon graduation.

The deadline for submission is April 30th. Formal interviews will begin on or about May 2004.

For further information contact Maj. Marie Wauters at 249-1403.

Hail to the Chief



Senior Master Sgt. Paul Charron

The 176th SFS present "The Order of the Bayonet" to former Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. William "Jake" Jacobson during his retirement ceremony. The "Order" is the highest honor the Security Forces Enlisted Corp can bestow upon a leader. Master Sgt. Blaine Miller carries the presentation plaque.

Peace of mind...leaving a living will

By Capt. Eric Aarseth
176th Wing Deputy Judge Advocate

Leaving a will tells those you leave behind what your wishes are with respect to your family and your property. Probably the most important function a will can serve is the appointment of a guardian for your children. Without such a document and assuming the other parent of the children does not survive you, the choice of who will serve as the guardian of your children is left to the children's remaining relatives and ultimately the state. For about an hour's time at the Wing Legal Office, you can give yourself peace of mind.

No time on the drill weekend?

The Legal Office at Kulis ANGB, Building 37 will be open to meet your needs on:

**Thursday, April 8, 2004
from 0730 to 1600.**

No appointment necessary – just walk in. Top priority will be given to those members who need a will or power of attorney and who are tasked to deploy during the ORE/ORI or who need to complete their dependent care plan. For further information, contact Staff Sgt. Janet Lemmons at 249-1725 or 249-1100.

Department of Military and Veteran Affairs Ball

The DMVA will hold their annual dinner and dancing fete' on April 16th at the Anchorage Sheraton. The cocktail hour will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner served at 7 p.m. Entrees include steak and salmon dishes. Tickets to the mess dress formal, black tie optional affair should be purchased by April 12th from Master Sgt. Lynn Mayer. Ticket prices range from \$33.00 to \$40.00.

What's for lunch?



Alaska Law Enforcement Special Olympics Torch Run



The Special Olympics Torch Run kicks off Saturday, May 15th at West High School at 10:30 a.m.

The statewide opening run also bears the distinction of being Armed Forces Day

Runners, walkers, rollerblades, and strollers are welcome at the event. Registration starts at 9 a.m.

All participants with a minimum donation of \$25 will receive a T-Shirt. Participants are encouraged to obtain pledges to maximize their contribution to Special Olympics Alaska.

Contact Chief Master Sgt. Bruce Erb for more information at 249-1607.

Pledge sheets are available at the Special Olympics office located at 3200 Mountain View Drive. They can be reached at 222-7625.



**You
should
Know...**

Commissary recruits

The Anchorage Area commissary is now hiring high school and college students for part-time jobs. Students can invest in their future by attending school and at the same time hold a part-time job during the school year and work up to 40 hours a week during the summer. Applicants must be a U.S. citizen, at least 16 years of age, carry a half-time course load or greater in an accredited school, and have an overall grade average of "C" or better.

Interested students may apply by submitting an OF-612, Optional Application for Employment, or a resume to the commissary. Application forms may be obtained at the commissary or at www.usajobs.opm.gov.

For additional information, call the Defense Commissary Agency Western/Pacific Region student employment office at (916) 569-4788 or the Elmendorf Commissary at 580-4863.



Duty Calls

Upcoming UTA dates

Month:	UTA:	Pay date:
April	15-18	28th
May	15-16	26th
June	17-20	29th



Senior Master Sgt. Paul Charron

Neighboring Kulis restaurant, Tastee-Freez, honors retired Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Jake Jacobson in their own shorthand fashion. The eatery, considered by many as the off-base chow hall, consistently provides support and encouragement to Kulis Air Guard members. A recent Tastee-Freez sign acknowledged our wartime service with the simple statement, "Welcome home Kulis ANG. Thanks."

Help support the KGB.... Kulis Guard Bums

The Alaska Lung Challenge is what has inspired the KGB. A group of Kulis Air National Guard members are rising to the challenge and are participating in a charity bike ride from Houston to Talkeetna and back. The 120 mile ride is expected to last two days.



The KGB's goal is to raise money for the American Lung Association of Alaska. Team members are: Janet Lemmons, Margaret Krize, Deb Hall, Linda Flegle, and Kim Stoltz. Please contact any of the team members to make a donation, join the team or for further information. You may also donate by accessing the Alaska American Lung website at: <http://www.aklung.org> The deadline is April 23rd for all donations.

Alaska Air National Guard job website

To view current openings for the Alaska Air Guard, please visit the following websites:

<https://55.1.6.189/hroEmployment.htm>
or

<http://www.akang.af.mil>
click on the link AKANG Jobs



Staff Sgt. Jason Johnson

KGB team members: Staff Sgt. Janet Lemmons, Technical Sgt. Margaret "Crumpet" Krize, and Master Sgt. Debra Hall. Absent members: Master Sgt. Kim Stoltz and Linda Flegle.



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